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Westminster, Decemb. 9.

HIs Majesty came this Day to the House of Peers with the usual Solemnity, and the Commons were sent for up by the Usher of the Black Rod, who attended his Majesty accordingly; And Sir Thomas Littleton, whom they had Chosen to be their Speaker, being presented to his Majesty seated on the Throne in his Royal Robes, his Majesty did graciously Approve of him; And then his Majesty made a most gracious Speech to both Houses, which follows:

My Lords and Gentlemen,

I Have no doubt but you are Met together, with Hearts fully disposed to do what is Necessary for the Safety, Honour and Happiness of the Kingdom; and that is all I have to Ask of you.

In order to this, Two things seem Principally to Require your Consideration.

The One is, What Strength ought to be Maintain'd at Sea, and what Force Kept up at Land for this Year; all I shall Observe to you upon this Head, is, That the Flourishing of Trade, The Supporting of Credit, and the Quiet of Peoples Minds at Home, will depend upon the Opinion they have of their Security; and to Preserve to England *the Weight and Influence it has at present on the Councils and Affairs abroad, it will be Requisite,* Europe *should see, you will not be Wanting to your selves.*

The Second thing I shall mention to you as of great Consequence, is the making some further Progress towards Discharging the Debts, which the Nation has Contracted by reason of the Long and Expensive War. In this the Publick Interest as well as Justice is Concerned; and I think an English *Parliament can never make such a Mistake, as not to hold Sacred all Parliamentary Engagements.*

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

I do Earnestly Recommend these things to you, that you may provide such Supplies, as you shall Judge Necessary for these several Occasions.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

I Think it would be Happy, if some effectual Expedient could be found for Employing the Poor, which might tend to the great Increase of our Manufactures, as well as remove a heavy Burden from the People.

I hope also you will Employ your Thoughts about some good Bills for the Advancement of Trade, and for the further Discouraging of Vice and Prophaneness.

The things I have mentioned to you being of Common Concern, I cannot but hope for Unanimity and Dispatch.

Venice, Nov. 29. N.S. Some fresh Supplies of Provisions and Ammunition were sent this Week to our Fleet, which according to our last Advices is come to Napoli di Romania. The Senate have made Signior Bovincini, Commander of one of their Men of War, a Senator, as a Reward for his good Services in the last Engagement at Sea with the Turks, and have given the Government of the Isle of Zante to Signior Fiscolo, another of their Sea-Captains, who likewise distinguished himself in that Occasion. The Senate having received advice, that the Queen-Dowager of Poland intends to come to Verona in her Journey to Rome, have sent Orders to the Governor of that Place to receive her with all the Respect due to her Quality, and to defray her Charges as she passes through the Venetian Territories. Letters from Rome say, the Congregation of Cardinals appointed by the Pope to examin the Archbishop of Cambray's Book. are frequently assembled, but are as yet come to no Resolution as to the approving or condemning of it, there being as many of them disposed to favour the Archbishop, as there are of a contrary Opinion; In the mean time, the Cardinal de Bouillon has again desired of the Pope, that this Affair, which occasions great Disputes amongst the French Clergy, may be speedily decided; upon which, Orders are given to that Congregation to dispatch it with all possible diligence. The Letters from Dalmatia bring an account, that upon the marching of our Forces, Commanded by General Mocenigo, towards the Fortress of Clin on the Borders of that Province, the Bassa of Bosnia, who was come thither with a Body of Turks, retired homewards; so that Frontier being now free from the Enemy, General Mocenigo intends forthwith to put his Troops into Winter-Quarters.

Warsaw, Nov. 23. The King of Poland is now on his Journey to Lithuania, from whence they write, that the discontented Party continue in Arms, and have lately had some sharp Rencounters with the Forces of General Sapieha; A great number of them were come to Grodno, in order, as they gave out, to hold a General Diet for the Dutchy of Lithuania; and had invited all the Gentlemen of that Province to come and meet them there; But we do not hear that any Persons of considerable Note have accepted of this Invitation. In the mean time, they seem to be very much divided amongst themselves, and 'tis hoped the King will, upon his arrival there, be able to dispose all Parties to an Accommodation.

Vienna, Dec. 3. Letters from Carlowitz of Nov. 26. give an account, That the Conferences between the Ministers of the several Princes for Treating a Peace, which were begun there the 13th of that Month, had been continued ever since with good success; The Turkish Ministers endeavoured to have it stipulated, That though the Principality of Transilvania should continue in the Emperor's possession, yet the Transilvanians should pay an Honorary Tribute to the Port; but this Proposition being contrary to the Agreement on which the Negociation is founded, That each Party shall continue in the possession of what they have at present, his Imperial Majesty's Ambassadors absolutely rejected it; and this matter was at last adjusted to their Satisfaction; The other Points in dispute between them and the Turks are likewise in effect agreed; and the settling of the Articles which relate to the other Allies, is now the Subject of the Debates at the Congress, and in all likelihood will be adjusted in a short time. In the mean while, the Weather grows there so cold, and such great Snows are fallen of late, that the Ambassadors suffer much Inconveniency by their remaining in Tents, which will oblige them to remove to some other Place. Our Advices from the Camp near Arath of the 14th Instant say, Prince Eugene of Savoy had resolved to send his Forces to Winter-Quarters, the Weather obliging them to defer the finishing of the new Fortifications, intended for the Security of that Frontier, till next Spring. Orders were given at Peter-Waradin for laying up the

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